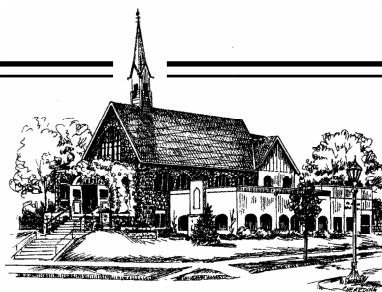

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from St. Matthew's



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June, 2006

Congratulations to our Graduates

David Abbott is graduating from Como Park Senior High School, St. Paul, in June. He'll be touring with his band for a week. Then, from June 18 to Aug. 6 he will be canoeing in Nunavut, Canada, as a Voyageur with YMCA Camp Widjiwagan. At the beginning of September he will head off to the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Last June **Rachel Abbott** graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa, and has been living in Austin, Texas, working in the state department of transportation.

Philip Brown graduates in June from Mounds View High School. He hopes to work at Target for the summer and will attend Augsburg College in the fall.

Eleanor Croce is also graduating from Como Park Senior High School in June. She is working at Speedy Market this summer and attending the University of Puget Sound in Washington in the fall.

Manshak Dahip will graduate in June from Coon Rapids High School, and will go to Anoka Community College next fall. **Sheji Dahip** graduated from Mankato State University in May with a double major in aviation and management. He is finishing the community service requirement of his scholarship and will be job hunting in the metro area later this summer.

Scott Dunnwald will also be graduating in June from Mounds View High School. He will be working for KFI Inc. this summer as a mechanical engineering intern. He plans to attend North Dakota State University in the fall to study engineering.

Lindsey Grauman, Linda Johnson's daughter, is graduating from Convent of the Visitation School in Mendota Heights in June, and will be going to Lake Forest College in Chicago this fall.

Andy Hardman graduated in May from Bard College in Annandale, NY, with a B.A. in Photography. He received the Tierney Family Foundation Prize which will enable him to pursue a photographic project in

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El Camino de Santiago

By Lars and Maclore Christensen

El Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James, is one of the most important pilgrimages in Christianity. Since the establishment of a network of routes beginning in the ninth century, pilgrims have come from all over Europe to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, to visit the remains of the Apostle James (James the Greater). The most popular of the routes became the so-called French route, which stretches about 500 miles across northern Spain. As the French route has been the most traveled over the centuries, it developed the strongest infrastructure for pilgrims, with food, water, and lodging easily and inexpensively available. Today, it is the most common route for pilgrims, who range from age 20 to 80 and come from all over the world to undertake the voyage on foot for a variety of reasons.

In October 2004, we spent 18 days walking the final 200 miles of the French route, starting at the cathedral city of León. The challenge offered us great opportunity for personal growth and strengthened our relationship. We appreciated the opportunity to unplug from our often hectic, technology-dependent lives into a simpler world. We shared meals and conversations with fellow pilgrims, and enjoyed observing and participating in a traditional way of life that few modern city-dwellers remember.

Upon returning home, we shared our stories and photographs with our family and friends, and some of them expressed a desire to undertake a pilgrimage of their own. We have decided to organize a trip similar to our previous one for all who would like to join us. We plan to proceed at a modest pace, which will allow us to spend some quality time exploring and appreciating one of the most historically and culturally rich areas in Europe. Based on our previous experience, we expect the trip to cost about \$1000 per person, including airfare.

We wish to be as accommodating as possible to peo-

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People News and Announcements

Dwight's Ordination

On Thursday, June 8, at 7 pm at St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis, Dwight Zscheile will be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church. All are invited to attend! On Sunday, June 11, there will be a reception for Dwight at St. Matthew's in the parish hall immediately following the 9 am service.

We have been blessed to have Dwight among us these past nine months. During his brief time here he has helped us grow spiritually through his sermons, classes, men's Bible study and work with the Vestry and Stewardship Ministry Team. He has also given much of his time to the Bishop's Commission on Metro Mission Strategy, sharing his theological and strategic insights and expertise with the diocese. The Vestry has sent a letter to Bishop Jelinek requesting that Dwight continue to serve St. Matthew's as a non-stipendiary Associate Priest for 8-10 hours per week. We will let you know when we hear back from the diocese. Please keep Dwight in your prayers at this wonderful time in his life and ministry.

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ple of different abilities, interests, and time constraints, so we have planned the trip to allow participants a great deal of control over their itinerary and experience. You may choose to through-hike the Camino, or walk only selected parts and use transportation in between. You can walk along with us or we can help you get started and see you off on your own. If you want to walk the Camino but have doubts about what you may be able to do, let's talk about it and see what we can work out. There will be an informational meeting, including slides from our last pilgrimage, in the undercroft after the services on June 18. We welcome you to join us!

Wanted

Wanted – **one useless car tire**, for the youth group to decorate, deface and take to work camp this summer. Contact Ray Dietman, 651-642-9944 or Ray.Dietman@inginvestment.com.

Recycle your "New Yorkers" - Linda Mainquist would like to read your recent "New Yorkers." To give them a new home, call her at 651/603-0564 afternoons or evenings or e-mail her at lin-dammain@juno.com.

Bev Dailey is knitting shawls for a shawl knitting ministry. If you have yarn you are NEVER going to use just laying about, consider donating it to the cause. If you know of a person who would be helped by receiving a shawl which has been blessed and prayed over, contact Bev at 651-644-3606.

Social Justice Ministry News

On June 11, Sunday, after church in the library, Perri Graham will host a conversation to introduce parishioners to the work of the Social Justice Ministry and allow people to suggest their ideas for future projects. This will last no more than one hour. Thanks, Susan Hardman

Happy Campers Say Thanks

Thank you to all those who donated camp bag supplies to the Episcopal Community Services Summer Camp program. Your generosity will make it possible to send a record number of youth to camp this summer. Your partnership makes a difference! To learn more about Episcopal Community Services visit our website at www.ecsmn.org.

Graduates *(Continued from page 1)*

New York during the year after graduation.

Anna Lageson will be graduating from Central High School, St. Paul, in June. She plans to spend the summer working and will attend the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse as a chemistry major (working toward dentistry or pharmacy major), this fall.

Charles Land will graduate from Roseville Area High School on June 2. He plans to spend his summer with his dad working on projects around the house, traveling to see family in Louisville, Kentucky, and finding a job. Chas also will be spending time improving his hobby making wood pieces such as pens, bowls, pool cues or whatever his next task will be. Next spring, Chas will attend Century College and continue his education in auto mechanics.

Aliana López is graduating on June 6 from the López Homeschool (also know as Happydale Hills Homeschool!). She is planning on finding work this summer and attending community college or continuing to work this fall. **Ariel López** graduated from DePauw University on May 21st, with majors in English and Spanish. He is undecided about his future plans after he completes an Internship in the Office of Spiritual Life at DePauw this summer.

Elizabeth Nerland will be graduating in June from Convent of the Visitation School, and will be attending Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, this fall. Her summer plans include working at Just Truffles and Smith Barney. Currently, she is working at Habitat for Humanity for her senior project.

Luke Szczech is also graduating from Como Park Senior High School in June.

Page Whitmore also graduated from Bard College in May with a double major in studio arts and Human Rights/Gender and Sexuality Studies. She plans to rent an apartment in Brooklyn with some of her friends and to get a job.

“Take this chance to discover who God has created you to be, allow yourself to be tested but do not compromise your values. Wherever this next chapter takes you, may you never forget your family at St. Matthew’s.” (Marissa Calcaterra)

This list of graduates is not comprehensive. Please send me information on any I have missed for the next issue of Tidings. Thank you – Mary Griffin, 651-642-9944, mggriffin@visi.com

Youth Year wrap-up

By Marissa Calcaterra

For the youth of St. Matthew's, 2006 has gotten off to an awesome start. So far this year, we have taken a Lenten journey and asked ourselves some tough questions like, “what does it look like to serve Christ?” and “what are ways we can live out our faith?” Every week during Lent the students responded to open-ended questions in a journal format. When Palm Sunday came we all took our journal packets home.

At the end of April we had our “Creation” lock-in. Duke Addicks told ghost stories, while also showing the importance of storytelling in our own lives, and we each made a quilt square as a way to tell others about ourselves. We made pizza and cookies from scratch as another way of showing that God created us just the way we created our snacks. Only a brave few made it the entire night without sleeping.

May was a busy month for us, as five of the high schoolers were confirmed. I was privileged to be one of their teachers and engage in conversations of their faith.

On May 19, we had a game of ‘capture the flag’ at College Park. As we end the education year we are happy to invite two more students into the youth group, John Dietman and Erik Myster. Everyone is very excited about our summer trip: we have 17 participants going to Poplar Bluffs, Missouri, to help repair houses with Group Work Camps. Keep on the look-out for their feet in July.

I will be spending a few weeks with my family and will return July 6. Over the summer, I will be planning for the next education year and try to stay connected with the youth on a one-to-one basis - any gifts cards to Dunn Bros. would be very much appreciated! I have been blessed to be a part of these students’ lives and am looking forward to the rest of the summer.

Congratulations to all of those graduating in 2006: “What we are is God's gift to us, what we make of ourselves is our gift to God.” (author unknown)

Reminder: Marissa will be available through e-mail while on vacation: mcalcaterra001@luthersem.edu.

Ministry Teams

Library Corner

By Megan Gangl

Thanks to many book movers, organizers, and sellers, as well as buyers, we had another successful book sale. Currently we have raised approximately \$750. The funds will be used to purchase new items for the library. We are considering electronic subscriptions along with the more traditional items such as books and CDs. Send ideas to me and I will add them to the request list.

Look for more new items in the library, including:

The Story We Find Ourselves In by Brian McClaren

A New Kind of Christian by Brian McClaren

Aging by Henry Nouwen

Kids Talk About God

Illuminated Life: Monastic Wisdom for Seekers of Light by Joan Chittister

Cultivating Sacred Place: Gardening for the Soul

124 Prayers for Caregivers by J. Guntzelman

Ethical Wills by Barry Baines

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

We also received an old copy of a St. Matthew's cookbook from 1979. Any chance someone has a copy in good condition to donate to the library? Maybe one of our potluck luncheons should only use recipes from this cookbook! There are some treasures in there - both in good recipes and in memories of some of the parishioners in our history.

Altar Guild Update

The Altar Guild is looking forward to an exciting event: on June 18 we will decorate the Sanctuary with a new set of green hangings that we commissioned some time ago, funded with donations to the Altar Guild Designated Fund. To celebrate this occasion, Rector Blair Pogue will recognize both the donors and the designer Melinda Colon. The blessing of the hangings will take place at the service on June 11.

Alas, this means that the Altar Guild funds will be depleted. There is an amount allotted to us in the budget every January for essentials such as wine and oil. Everything else used for the celebration of the Eucharist is funded entirely through donations. So, if you wish to make a donation to the church in memory of a special person or to celebrate a special event in your life, please remember the Altar Guild. Also: All through this summer you may "donate" altar flowers from your garden or the Farmer's Market, i.e., have your \$40 donation go to the AG Designated Fund. I will be happy to arrange your flowers for you in our vases for that Sunday. (Did you like the apple blossoms a few Sundays ago?)

The Altar Guild will hold their mid-year meeting on June 5 at 7:00 pm in the Undercroft. Anyone interested in serving with us in this very special and spiritual ministry is invited to join us that evening.

Sue Nevin (for the Altar Guild Ministry Team)

St. Matthew's Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers. To add a person to the prayer list, please contact Michael Compton.

- Sebastien Edward Murray & family, friends of Nils Halker, newborn baby, respiratory
- Marilee Benkoski, friend of Michael Compton, cancer
- Maddy Brown, Grave's disease
- Maggie Moulton, arthritis
- Rich, friend of Mark Brown, cancer
- Geoff, friend of Mark Brown, post-surgery complications
- Jack & Dorothy Fisher, grandparents of Lisa Bierwagen
- George Johnson, father of Sandy McTavish, lung cancer
- Abby Marier, recovering from surgery
- Diane Zscheile, sister of Dwight Zscheile, breast cancer
- Allen, father of Amanda Ziebell-Finley, heart murmur
- Jane Lindberg, recovering from hip replacement
- Athula, friend of Mark Brown, recovering from auto accident
- Bethany, student of Linda López, recovering from auto accident
- Robert Harrison, brother of Marilyn Grantham, plugged arteries

Volunteer for Project Home

By Elaine Tarone

Each night in August we participate in Project Home, where we offer our downstairs as an overflow shelter for homeless families when the regular shelters are full. We are supported by staff from the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches. Sadly, the last couple of years, we have been very busy. We need volunteers to staff our church shelter during the evenings and nights.

I will be circulating with a sign-up calendar during the coffee hours throughout May and June; please bring your calendar and sign up to host these families with children, who need shelter and our support. You can sign up in a 5:30 to 8:30 shift, to welcome the families when they arrive, provide snacks, play with the children, and talk to the parents. Or, you can sign up to sleep over (8 pm to 7 am) in one of the classrooms, to be available in case someone is needed in the night (e.g., to help a parent meet a child's needs). We want two people for each shift. The Saint Paul Area Council of Churches staff will provide a training session before August to fill you in on the procedure and the rules; they will also be available by phone at any hour of the evening and night to provide advice and support. You can sign up by email too: etarone@umn.edu.

I could also use someone (or two) to help in setting up the program, and communicating with volunteers before and during August. For example, it would be great to have the sign-up calendar sent out to all volunteers before August arrives, so volunteers can swap with each other if last minute conflicts crop up. Let me know if you can help with this: Elaine Tarone, 651-644-0052.

Prospect Hill Friends

By Blair Pogue

I wanted to let you know that I have sent a letter to the Prospect Hill friends, co-signed by Senior Warden Duke Addicks, requesting that they find a new place to meet as of September 1, 2006. I called Clerk Sigrid Coats before sending the letter, to explain why I was asking the Friends to find a new space.

St. Matthew's has enjoyed its relationship with the Friends, and has been glad to share the library with them these past couple of years. In the last nine months, however, I, the staff, ministry teams and small group leaders have repeatedly wanted and or needed to use the parish hall and/or library on Sunday afternoon or evening. This is a blessing! Wonderful things are happening at St. Matthew's and we are now at a point in our life as a community where we need the library and parish hall back on Sunday afternoons and evenings for youth group events, adult seminars, Art Ministry Team receptions, worship events, dinners, Angel Choir rehearsals, etc. Sunday afternoon and evening are prime times in terms of peoples' availability for classes and events.

We wish the Friends well as they look for a new meeting space!

The Ten Thousand Lakes Native American Flute Circle meets in the Library at St. Matthew's every second Thursday at 7 pm, and is open to both players and listeners of Native American flute music.

Contact Duke Addicks at (651) 643-0622 or dukeaddicks@earthlink.net for more information

- Duke Addicks
- Dennis Hallen, brother of Cindy Land, spinal disc
- Donna Cardamone Jackson, wife of David Jackson, undiagnosed pain
- Jane Bose, sister of Grace Evans, stroke
- Dorothy Nevin, mother of Don Nevin, cancer
- Gloria, friend of Rosa Uy, cancer
- Sharon Quast, sister-in-law of Jet Paulu, multiple myeloma
- Jim, friend of Kathy Szczech, multiple myeloma
- Emily, friend of Noemí López, depression
- Dorothy Maxson, sister of Marilyn Grantham, partially paralyzed following surgery
- Neal Puffer, father of Jan Puffer, emphysema
- Richard Dennis, thyroid cancer
- Merabu, mother of Beatrice Garubanda, blocked lymph system
- Betty Tarone, mother of Elaine Tarone, depression
- Chuck Land, cancer of the esophagus
- Judy Sherman, sister of Diane Raff, stroke
- Linda, sister of Birdie Carter, cancer
- Tom, friend of Michael Compton

From the Rector

I believe that for a church to truly become the body of Christ and live into God's vision, the vestry must be more than your typical board. I believe that the elected leaders of the church need to be spiritual leaders and to understand their role in the congregation as such. Recently, the vestry and I have been re-conceiving our work together and how it relates to the congregation's mission in the world.

I have invited the vestry to explore with me what it would mean to become a "missional" church, meaning a church that understands the Trinity as a "missional" or sending God, a God who is actively working in the world to bring reconciliation and healing to all people and all creation. Unfortunately, the word "mission" has a lot of baggage. It tends to conjure up images of arrogant colonialism, the West imposing its culture on the rest of the world in the guise of religion. This is not what I mean. I am asking the vestry and you the people of St. Matthew's to take seriously the fact that God is active and alive in the world, and that God is calling our congregation to participate in God's mission in specific ways.

I have begun a process with the vestry that will end up with a more clearly-defined vision for St. Matthew's. Many of us at St. Matthew's are efficient A-types who want to know our vision *yesterday*. We want to move forward *now*. And yet I am asking the vestry to take the time and to lay the spiritual groundwork for true discernment of the Spirit's leading. I believe that this discernment will be well worth the investment of time and energy because it will hopefully result in our aligning ourselves with God's preferred vision for us. Discerning and living into God's vision and mission for St. Matthew's will, I believe, increase our faithfulness, our excitement and enthusiasm for the work to which God has called us. We all know the difference between doing something we feel called to do and something we think we must do and are dragged by guilt into doing.

To enable the vestry to serve as the chief spiritual discernment body for St. Matthew's, we have changed the way we meet. We begin our meeting with 20 minutes of Dwelling in the Word, where we meditate on a passage of scripture (sent out a week ahead). We talk about the words and images that jump out at us as well as what we think God is trying to tell us. Some of you might recognize what we're doing as the

ancient Benedictine practice of *Lectio Divina*.

I have asked that all reports including the treasurer's report be submitted one week ahead of time so that the vestry is freed up, after a time of asking questions about material contained in the reports, to spend an hour on one major issue or challenge per meeting. For example, our June vestry meeting will focus on the topic, "Stewardship at St. Matthew's." We are blessed with a group of high-capacity leaders and I want to make the best use of their time and gifts. I also want all of us to learn from each other and to have a good time serving as stewards of this wonderful faith community.

To further develop the spiritual discernment capacity of the vestry, Dwight and I have engaged them in a series of theological reflections on the nature of God, the kingdom of God, and the work of the Holy Spirit in Christian community. We will soon begin a process where we will look more closely at our neighborhood and the Metro area, and especially at fresh ministry opportunities to which we may be called. My guess is that some if not all of the ministries in which we are already participating are ministries to which God will call us to recommit. With our new discernment tools we will be better able to weigh new ministry opportunities against ministries in which we're currently engaged and have some clarity about how we can align ourselves and our resources with God's vision for us.

I am thankful for the many ways God has blessed us and for the wonderful spirit at St. Matthew's. I feel God's Spirit palpably at work in the St. Matthew's community on Sunday and all throughout the week. I thank you each for giving of your time, talent, and treasure to enable the people of St. Matthew's to live into God's vision for our lives.

Faithfully,

Blair

Tidings Deadlines

Sunday, July 23

There will be only one issue for July and August

Send articles to Katie Lowry:
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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